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**Patent Application**

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Title: Processor with Input Data Block Discard Mechanism  
for Use in an Oversubscription Condition

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The remarks below are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated August 9, 2006 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.